NEW PRIMARY BILL OFFERED IN HOUSE

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bills are evidently part of the Republican plan of campaign.

The Senate yesterday passed the House bill providing for the contingent expenses of the General Assembly. This is the first bill to go to the Governor.

Work in committees yesterday was not especially interesting. The bill creating a State Board of Accountancy was favorably reported to the House.

SENATE

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. N. Latham, of the Centenary Methodist Church, the Senate yesterday received several bills from the House and referred them.

Favorable committee reports were received on Senator Holland's bill in reference to changes in the corpo-sue of water bonds, and on Senator Owen's bill to provide for the regulation and inspection of adulterated stock feeds; on Senator Lincoln's bill in regard to minor changes in the act regarding Commissioners of Revenue; on Senator Ward's bill permitting the city of Winchester to vote on the issue of water bonds ,and on Senator Noel's bill to enable the town of Jonesville, in Lee county, to build a turnpike.

Senator Halsey, of Lynchburg, offered a resolution ratifying the proposed income tax amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and it was referred.

Senator Garrett, of Henry, reported House bill No. 22, in reference to contingent expenses of the Legislature, and asked that the Finance Committee be discharged from further consideration, and it was so ordered.

Delegate Cooke, of Norfolk, brought a message from the House regarding the election of judges and Insurance Commissioner at 12:30. Senator Ward, of Winchester, moved concurrence, which was carried.

Senator Noel, of Lee, asked that his bill, permitting the town of Jonesville to build a turnpike, be adopted at once, and after amendment, suggested by Senator Holland, of Nansemond, the Senator agreed and the bill passed final reading.

On motion of Senator Garrett, of Henry, House bill No. 22, relative to contingent expenses of the Legislature, was relieved of the constitutional reading and passed finally.

Elections Taken Up.

Elections of judges and Commissioner of Insurance being in order, Joseph T. Lawless was nominated as judge of the First Circuit by Senator Sale, of Norfolk city, seconded by Senator Lesner, of Norfolk county. For the Third Circuit, Jesse W. West was nominated by Senator Elam, of Brunswick, seconded by Senators Hobbs, of Prince George, and Lassiter, of Petersburg.

For the Seventh Circuit, E. J. Harvey was nominated by Senator Rison, of Pittsylvania, seconded by Senator Garrett, of Henry. C. W. Robinson was nominated for the Eleventh Circuit by Senator Holt, of Newport News, seconded by Senator Gunter, of Accomac; for the Fifteenth Circuit, John E. Mason was nominated by Senator Gravatt, of Caroline, seconded by Senator Tucker, of Bedford. George K. Anderson was nominated for the Nineteenth Circuit by Senator King, of Alleghany, seconded by Senator Fletcher, of Fauquier. For the Twenty-second Circuit, Fulton Kegley was placed in nomination by Senator Rison, of Pittsylvania, seconded by Senator Strother, of Giles.

F. B. Hutton was nominated for judge of hte Twenty-third Circuit by Senator King, of Alleghany. For the Twenty-eighth Circuit, B. D. White was nominated by Senator Gunter, of Accomac, seconded by Senator Holland, of Nansemond. For judge of the Corporation Court of Bristol, Joseph L. Kelly was nominated by Senator Hart, of Roanoke, seconded by Senator Noel, of Lee. For judge of the Corporation Court of Manchester, E. H. Wells was nominated by Senator Watkins, of Chesterfield. As judge of the Chancery Court of Richmond, Daniel Grinnan was nominated by Senator Thornton, of Fairfax, seconded by Senator Carter, of Rappahannock.

Colonel Joseph Button was nominated for Commissioner of Insurance by Senator Echols, of Staunton. In seconding the nomination Senator Halsey paid brief tribute to Commissioner Button. "The Department of Insurance, under his management, has been of great value to the people of Virginia," he said, "and Mr. Button has made an exceedingly efficient officer and well merits re-election."

Noel Commends Button.

Commissioner Button's nomination was likewise seconded by Senators Sale, of Norfolk city, and Gayle, of Buckingham, and by Senator Noel, of Lee, who said that "as representative of the minority" he wished to second Colonel Button's nomination.

Senator Gayle, of Buckingham, was appointed to notify the House of the nominations made by the Senate.

Delegate Jennings, of Lynchburg, brought a message from the House, stating its nominations.

Then followed the formal election. When the name of Judge Grinnan was reached the president informed the Senate that he had been nominated in error, as his term was not yet before the Legislature as a vacancy. On motion of Senator Harman, of Richmond city, all mention of his nomination was stricken from the record.

Senators Lassiter, of Petersburg, and Holland, of Nansemond, were appointed by the president to canvass the votes in the House with the joint committee.

Senator Strode, of Amherst, occupied the chair during the time while the Senate awaited the report from the House.

Senator Lassiter, of Petersburg, reported from the House the result of the nominations.

On motion of Senator Harman, of Richmond city, the Senate adjourned at 2:10.

HOUSE

Among the bills reported from committees when the House met yesterday at noon, was the Adams bill regulating the sale of commercial fertilizers, from the Committee on Agriculture and Mining.

The measure accepting the gift of the property of the New London Academy was reported from the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The bill of Mr. Keyser, of Roanoke, making illegal voting and irregularities in elections a felony, came from the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Several local measures came from the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

The bill creating a State Board of Accountancy was reported from the Committee on Finance.

The same committee reported the bill increasing the fees of attorneys for the Commonwealth, and it went to the Committee on Courts of Justice.

Constitutional Amendments.

The Committee on Courts of Justice presented the proposed amendments to the Constitution, which have been duly published as prescribed by the Constitution, and are now ready for their second consideration by the General Assembly. If the present Legislature follows the example of the last and approves these amendments, they will be voted upon by the people next November.

The Joint Committee on Confirmation recommended the confirmation of the appointment by Governor Swanson of Judge R. R. Prentis to be a member of the State Corporation Commission.

Mr. Cooke, of Norfolk, presented a joint resolution providing that at 12:30 both houses should proceed to the election of a Commissioner of Insurance, of those Circuit Court judges whose terms will expire February 1 and of those Circuit and Corporation Court judges who were appointed by the Governor to hold office until thirty days after the convening of the General Assembly. It was agreed to.

Early Printing of Bills.

The usual proposition to have bills printed as soon as introduced in the House was presented in the shape of a resolution by Mr. Deal, of Norfolk. The patron said in his remarks on the subject that there was perhaps undue haste in pressing bills on the calendar, in that bills could reach their second reading without having been seen by the members at large. His resolution went to the Committee on Rules.

Mr. Buck, of Washington county, reported the death of Mrs. Lee McChesney, wife of his colleague from Bristol. He offered a resolution of sympathy, which was adopted, and which the clerk was instructed to wire to Mr. McChesney.

Mr. Sydnor, of Nottoway, asked for immediate consideration of his bill allowing the Governor to have a staff of twenty-five members instead of fifteen. The Speaker called Mr. Sydnor's attention to the fact that this would require several roll calls, and that the hour for the election of judges was approaching. The matter went over.

The resolution of Mr. Adams, of Charlotte, regarding State aid for good roads, intended to test the sense of the House, went to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ayers, of Carroll, offered a proposal for the abolition of the office of school examiners, saying that this was a useless expense, and that the division superintendents should do the work.

The hour having arrived for the election of judges that business was gone into. Mr. Cox, of Richmond, took the chair at the request of Speaker Byrd.

Judges Nominated.

Judge Joseph T. Lawless, of the First Circuit, was nominated by Mr. Silvester, of Norfolk county, seconded by Mr. Cooke, of Norfolk city; Judge J. F. West, Third Circuit, nominated by Mr. Yarrell, of Greenesville, seconded by Mr. Spatig, of Brunswick; Judge E. J. Harvey, Seventh Circuit, nominated by Mr. Clement, of Pittsylvania; Judge Clarence W. Robinson, Eleventh Circuit, nominated by Mr. Fitzhugh, of Northampton, seconded by Mr. Houston, of Elizabeth City, and Mr. Rew, of Accomac; Judge John E. Mason, Fifteenth Circuit, nominated by Mr. Moncure, of Stafford, seconded by Mr. Coleman, of Spotsylvania, and Mr. Page, of Hanover; Judge George K. Anderson, Nineteenth Circuit, nominated by Mr. Spessard, of Craig, seconded by Mr. Stephenson, of Bath; Judge Fulton Kegley, Twenty-second Circuit, nominated by Mr. Williams, of Giles, seconded by Mr. Johnston, of Montgomery, and Mr. Fitzhugh, of Northampton; Judge F. B. Hutton, Twenty-third Circuit, nominated by Mr. Buck, of Washington, seconded by Mr. Johnson, of Russell; Judge B. D. White, Twenty-eighth Circuit, nominated by Mr. Parker, of Portsmouth, seconded by Mr. Jordan, of Isle of Wight, and Mr. Yarrell, of Greenesville; Judge Joseph L. Kelly, Bristol Corporation Court, nominated by Mr. Buck, of Washington; Judge Ernest H. Wells, Manchester Corporation Court, nominated by Mr. Toney, of Manchester, seconded by Mr. Baker, of Chesterfield.

Republican Speaks.

The speeches nominating Judge Hutton received much applause. Mr. Buck, who is a well-known minister of the gospel, made a genuine oration, extolling the Southwest jurist, while Mr. Johnson got both applause and laughter. The latter said that there is no question about Judge Hutton's Democracy, and he did not think there was any about his own Republicanism. For personal reasons he desired to indorse Judge Hutton. His only regret, he said, was that Judge Hutton was not a Republican.

The minority made no nominations whatever, voting for the Democratic nominees.

Colonel Joseph Button, for Commissioner of Insurance, was nominated by Mr. Stratton, of Appomattox, seconded by Mr. Moncure, of Stafford; Mr. West, of Nansemond, and Mr. Jennings, of Lynchburg.

At the conclusion of the nominations a message was sent to the Senate announcing the list of nominees. Senator Gayle, of Buckingham, came from the Senate with a message containing the nominees on that side.

The roll was called in each instance, the nominees receiving every vote cast. This operation took up a great deal of time, but was necessary.

Expenses Provided For.

Senator Garrett brought a message from the Senate, announcing the passage of House bill No. 22, providing for the contingent expenses of the General Assembly.

Mr. Stubbs, of Gloucester, and Mr. Oliver, of Fairfax, were appointed a committee to count the votes, together with the Senate Committee, in the office of the Lieutenant-Governor. This committee made its report of the total vote for each nominee in the two houses, and Speaker Pro Tem. Cox made formal announcement of the election.

At 2 o'clock the House adjourned without touching the calendar.

Senate Bills

By Mr. Strode: A bill providing for the election of the members of the State Corporation Commission by the qualified voters of the State, and providing for their terms and commission.

By Mr. Parsons: A bill to abolish the district school supervisors appointed by the State Board of Education.

By Mr. McAlexander: A bill to amend and re-enact an act, approved March 5, 1894, in relation to appointment of electoral boards, term, vacancies, judges, clerks and registrars of election.

By Mr. Owen: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to regulate the Governor's staff.

By Mr. Ward: A bill to authorize any county in this State, in the discretion of its local road authorities, to use its apportionment of State money aid, appropriated for the improvement of public roads, in the construction of bridges, and providing how such money shall be expended.

By Mr. Ward: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to make railroad companies liable for damage from fire occasioned by sparks or coals thrown from their engines or trains, whether such fire originate on the railroad's right of way or not, and regardless of the use or condition of spark arresting appliances, approved March 13, 1906.

By Mr. Halsey: A joint resolution relating to the joint resolution of the Congress of the United States proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to be known as Article XVI.

By Mr. Halsey: A bill to require county and city treasurers to send out notices in writing to all persons assessed for poll taxes.

By Mr. Halsey: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 117 and 118 of an act, approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions.

By Mr. Halsey: A bill to require the reporting of cases of infectious, contagious, communicable and dangerous disease to boards of health.

By Mr. Sale: A bill to amend and re-enact section 31 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions.

By Mr. Watkins: A joint resolution in regards to State money aid for road building in the State.

House Bills

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Houston: A bill to clear the titles of real estate from liens of certain delinquent taxes and levies, and to provide for the better enforcement and collection of delinquent taxes and levies upon certain lands, and to provide for the sale of certain lots and tracts of land in the State of Virginia, chargeable with delinquent taxes.

By Messrs. Cooke and Deal: A bill to impose license tax on certain fishing devices in addition to that prescribed by law, and for the protection of certain fish.

By Mr. Daniel: A bill providing for the annual collection of a tax on automobiles.

By Messrs. Cooke and Deal: A bill to impose a special license tax on persons trading in second-hand grate baskets, gas, water and electric fixtures, etc.

By Messrs. Cooke and Deal: A bill to repeal chapter 52 of the Acts of 1906, authorizing the sale of lots purchased by the Commonwealth for delinquent taxes and not redeemed within four years or more.

By Mr. Adams: A resolution to extend State aid in road building to the several counties of the State.

By Mr. Deal: A bill to bar the collection of taxes and levies on property omitted from the land assessment books prior to 1900, and to require commissioners of the revenue to bring forward annually assessments for back taxes which have not been paid.

To Committee on Schools and Colleges.

By Mr. Daniel: A bill to provide for the apportionment of the school funds for the Commonwealth between the races.

By Mr. Love: A bill declaring that no man shall be eligible to the office of division or county superintendent of schools unless he is a citizen and a legal voter in the county or division over which he is to be appointed.

By Mr. Ayers: A resolution to abolish the five district school supervisors.

To Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Mr. Deal: A bill to legalize primary elections in the State of Virginia.

By Messrs. Pendleton and Sutphin: A bill to amend and re-enact an act, approved March 5, 1894, as amended and re-enacted by an act, approved March 5, 1900, and further amended and re-enacted by an act, approved December 8, 1903, in relation to appointment of electoral boards, terms, vacancies, judges, clerks and registrars of election and their qualifications.

To Committee on General Laws.

By Messrs. Cooke and Deal: A bill to amend and re-enact section 2714-A of the Code of Virginia of 1894, so as to restrict the trading in second-hand grate baskets, gas, electric light and lead or brass fixtures, etc.

By Messrs. Cooke and Deal: A bill to authorize cities and towns to permit under certain conditions awnings, fire escapes, shutters, etc., to overhang streets.

By Mr. Cox: A bill to amend and re-enact section 17 of chapter 5 of the act concerning corporations, which became a law on May 21, 1903, being paragraph 17 of section 1155 of the Code of Virginia.

By Mr. West, of Nansemond: A bill to fix the weight of and regulate the trade in cornmeal.

By Mr. Stubbs: A petition of citizens of Gloucester county to have American flags over public school buildings.

To Committee on Chesapeake and Its Tributaries.

By Mr. Wellford: A bill to prevent the waters of any of the tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay from being polluted by manufacture of fish into fertilizer or oil.

By Mr. Wellford: A petition of citizens of Lancaster county, Va., for protection of fish and oysters.

By Messrs. Cooke and Deal: A bill to amend section 2137 of the code of Virginia.

By Mr. Throckmorton: A bill to require every railroad or trolley line in this State which uses any public road or turnpike, or any part of the same, for the use of its track or tracks, upon the order of the State Corporation Commission, to grade the public road or turnpike along the side of its said track or tracks to the width of at least thirty feet, so as to give the public as good facilities for travel as was enjoyed before said road or turnpike was used by said railroad; and also to provide suitable exits for land owners along the road who have been interfered with by the placing of said track or tracks on said public road or turnpike.

To Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

By Mr. Bell: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 2 and 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for permanent road or bridge improvement in the magisterial districts of the counties of the State, approved February 25, 1908.

By Mr. Bell: A bill to provide for the issuing of county bonds for permanent road or bridge improvement in the counties of the State.

To Committee for Courts of Justice.

By Mr. Cox: A bill requiring commissioners in chancery to give notice of time of filing reports in clerk's office.

By Messrs. Cooke and Deal: A bill to prohibit the acquiring of private rights of way by prescription.

By Messrs. Cooke and Deal: A bill to amend and re-enact section 2785 of the code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, so as to provide for terminating a yearly lease on property, situated in any subdivision or suburban or other lands divided into building lots for residential purposes, by either party giving notice in writing three months prior to the end of any year.

By Messrs. Cooke and Deal: A bill to amend and re-enact section 2786 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to desertion of premises by tenants.

By Messrs. Cooke and Deal: A bill to amend and re-enact section 2716 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to how persons turned out or kept out of possession of land may recover it; when the proceeding to be in court, and when it may be before a justice.

By Messrs. Cooke and Deal: A bill to repeal section 656-A of the Code of Virginia of 1904.

By Messrs. Cooke and Deal: A bill to define the relation of landlord and tenant for certain cases where there is no written agreement between the parties upon the subject, and in cases of holdover tenancies, etc.

By Mr. Fitzhugh: A bill to punish as a misdemeanor a person who shall curse, abuse or use vulgar or indecent language over the telephone in the hearing of any one while at the telephone, and provide punishment therefor.

By Mr. Keyser: A bill declaring contracts, trusts, monopolies, conspiracies, etc., in restraint of trade, etc., illegal; persons combining with or becoming a part of or aiding such monopolies, trusts or combinations guilty of misdemeanor; how punished; persons monopolizing, guilty and how punished; jurisdiction of courts, duty of Commonwealth's attorneys, suits to restrain violations and for recovery of damage; word "person" defined.

By Mr. White: A bill to amend and re-enact section 4029 of the Code of Virginia in regard to juries for the trial of felonies.

To the Committee on Militia and Police.

By Mr. Sydnor: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to regulate the Governor's staff.

To the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. Deal: A resolution to amend Rule 24, so as to provide for printing and distributing bills before reporting by committees.

Here and There in the Legislature

Cussing the telephone operator will be looked upon unfavorably by the courts if a bill offered yesterday in the House by Mr. Fitzhugh, of Northampton, becomes a law. No longer will it be safe to call a man several varieties of a liar at long range, knowing that he is powerless. T. R. can no longer visit Virginia if this bill passes, for he might have to use a telephone. The measure imposes a penalty for the use of profane or vulgar language over a telephone of a fine of not less than $5 nor more than $100, or confinement in jail for not less than ten days nor more than six months.

The House Committee on Privileges and Elections, at its meeting yesterday morning, had but little difficulty in agreeing to report the Keyser bill making it a felony to vote illegally, to give a voter the wrong ballot or to stuff a ballot box.

After agreeing to have a public hearing on primary matters next Friday at 10 o'clock in the committee room the committee rose.

A bill aimed at the election of division school superintendents from sections other than where they will serve was presented in the House by Mr. Love, of Lunenburg. It provides that the county or division superintendents must be citizens and legal voters in the county or division to which they are elected.

Taxation of slot machines was before the House Finance Committee yesterday morning. W. D. Cardwell asked for the reduction of the tax on chewing gum machines from $10 to $2. It seems that the present law provides several classes of these machines, taxed differently. The contention is that the $10 tax on some machines is prohibitive.

Mr. Parker, of Portsmouth, asked for a technical correction of the appropriation bill, so as to make the salary of the judge of the Corporation Court of his city comply with the minimum requirement of the Constitution.

At 10 o'clock next Thursday morning the Senate and House Committees on Insurance and Banking will hold a joint meeting to hear arguments for and against the proposed bill to establish the office of State Bank Examiner.

Mr. Houston, of Elizabeth City county, introduced a bill yesterday to clear the titles of lands of delinquent taxes and levies. He proposes the appointment by the Circuit Courts of special tax commissioners, who are to investigate these matters. Clerks are to prepare lists of lands, with the years for which charges are made and the amounts necessary for redemption.

Mr. Daniel, of Loudoun, would separate the amounts paid by the colored race toward the school fund and spend it, and it alone, upon the education of the negro children. His bill to this effect was proposed in the House yesterday.

Senator Halsey's joint resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States in relation to the income tax was the result of a careful search of precedents in similar matters. In so important a resolution minute care has to be exercised, for there are situations when one word in such a resolution might defeat the entire work of many States and of Congress. The resolution recites the receipt of official notification of the adoption by the national Senate and House of the proposed amendment. It also embodies the amendment proposed: "The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration."

Next comes the part indicating the action of Virginia: "Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Virginia, That we hereby ratify on behalf of the State of Virginia the above recited proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Resolved, second, That certified copies of the foregoing preamble and resolution be forwarded by the Governor of Virginia to the President of the United States, to the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the Secretary of State of the United States." If two-thirds of the State Legislatures adopt resolutions similar to that offered by Senator Halsey, the proposed amendment will become law.

When a railroad or trolley line has occupied all or part of a public highway, it is to be made to build a road alongside of the track of the same width as the original road in a bill offered yesterday by Mr. Throckmorton, of Henrico. The roads are to be compelled to do this work by the State Corporation Commission upon complaint of the Board of Supervisors or the road board. Railroads are also to provide exits for the ingress and egress of persons owning property along the roads thus occupied. The penalty for continued violation of this act is $500 a day.

Mr. Wellford, of Richmond county, introduced by request a bill prohibiting any factory using fish for the manufacture of oil or fertilizer to run any refuse into or to pollute the waters of any tributary of Chesapeake Bay. The grand jury is to indict for this offense, and the punishment is to be a fine of not less than $50 nor more than $100 a day. The act is declared to be an emergency one.

Accompanying the bill is a petition to the General Assembly from the citizens of Lancaster county, saying that they believe the factories complained of can avoid such pollution and still continue their operations. The bill, of course, refers to concerns manufacturing menhaden fish into fertilizers.

A most drastic bill aimed at monopolies and trusts was introduced by Mr. Keyser, of Roanoke. The measure is sweeping, and provides heavy penalties for violation.

Graduated annual license taxes on automobiles, varying from $2.50 to $10, according to size, is proposed in a bill by Mr. Daniel, of Loudoun.

In a bill offered by Mr. White, of Rockbridge, the venire facias and also the return on same, when the jury is summoned for trial of a person accused of crime, are to be made matters of public record.

Messrs. Cooke and Deal, of Norfolk, are patrons of a House bill which provides that the Commonwealth shall no longer have a lien against any real estate for any capitation tax heretofore or hereafter levied.

There was nothing doing at the joint meeting of the Fish and Game Committees of the House and Senate yesterday afternoon. A few advocates of the ideas of the Audubon Society had appeared to speak for the Hart bill creating a game department, but enough of the Senate committee could not be secured to make an effective meeting. Hearing was postponed until next week.

Argument was had yesterday afternoon before the House Committee on the Chesapeake and Its Tributaries on the subject of the proposed law to prevent the pollution of streams flowing into the bay with the refuse of fish-fertilizer factories. The further consideration of the bill was deferred until next Friday afternoon, when the hearing will be resumed.

Nothing was done on the bill codifying the oyster laws, for the reason that the order for printing 500 copies of the bill has not yet been executed.

Most of the members of the Legislature from the Fourth Congressional District will go to their homes to-day, and will remain to vote in the primary on Tuesday. They differ widely in their allegiance to the four candidates for Congress.

The Washington-Leesburg Turnpike bill is not having clear sailing. It took time to get it through the Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, and it struck another impediment yesterday in the House Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation. Mr. West, of Nansemond, raised an objection to converting a free road into a toll road. The proposed pike, which is to run from Leesburg to a point on the Potomac opposite Washington, was formerly a turnpike, and is said to be in such bad repair that it cannot be used for a part of its distance. The promoters, who are prominent men of that section of the State, want to build a modern road.

It will be considered again in committee on Monday morning, when its patron, Mr. Oliver, of Fairfax, will fight for a favorable report.

Hearing on the bills offered by Senator Sale, of Norfolk city, on behalf of the Retail Merchants' Association relative to goods sold on approval and for cash on delivery and others will be held on Friday, January 28, at 3 o'clock, by the Senate Committee on Courts of Justice.

Election of the members of the State Corporation Commission by the people is the proposition embraced in the bill introduced in the Senate yesterday by Senator Strode, of Amherst. A bill to this effect was brought up last year by Senator Halsey, of Lynchburg, passing the Senate by a large majority, only to be defeated by a small majority in the House. The original law provided that after 1908 the appointment might be taken from the hands of the Governor and placed in the power of the people directly.

Senator Ward, of Winchester, in a new measure, wishes to authorize any county, in the discretion of its local road authorities, to use its apportionment of State money aid appropriated for the improvement of public roads to construct bridges.

"What is chiropractice?" is the question that has baffled many wise men of the Senate in the past two days. On Thursday Senator Echols introduced a bill to regulate chiropractica and chiropractitioners. On inquiry, several learned Senators confessed their ignorance, and inspection of the dictionaries added no knowledge to the minds of truth-seekers. Happily, however, the printed bill defines chiropractice as "the science of adjusting by hand any or all luxations of the 300 articular joints of the human body, more especially the fifty-two articulars of the spinal column, for the purpose of freeing any or all impinged nerves which cause deranged functions."

Annual increase of $30,000 to the poll tax receipts of the State will be effected, Senator Halsey, of Lynchburg, thinks, if his bill to require city and county treasurers to send written notices to all persons assessed for poll tax becomes law. He proposes therein that notice hall be sent before April 15 in each year, the notice stating the last day of payment for a citizen who desires to vote in the November election. Senator Halsey believes the bill will bring about a greatly increased attendance at the polls. For their services in sending out the notice, the treasurers are to receive, in addition to the usual compensation, 3 cents for each notice sent out and 5 per cent. commission on money received from poll taxes. The penalty for official violation is put at $500.

Requiring the reporting of cases of infectious, contagious, communicable and dangerous disease to the boards of health is the gist of a bill introduced yesterday by Senator Halsey, of Lynchburg.

By request, Senator Sale, of Norfolk, yesterday presented a bill putting express and railroad taxation on the same basis. Another bill by the same patron provides that where a minister wishes to perform the marriage ceremony in the absence of the circuit judge, from whom, under the present law, he must obtain permission, either the city or corporation judge may authorize the minister to perform the ceremony.

Hearing of the proposition to increase the salaries of the judges was had at the meeting of the Senate Finance Committee yesterday morning. Speaker Byrd, of the House, appeared and advocated the bill, saying that the cost of living made it difficult for the judges to make ends meet with their present stipends. Walter Taylor, of the Norfolk Bar Association; Goodrich Hatton, of the Portsmouth Association; E. P. Burford, Commonwealth's Attorney for Brunswick, and Charles T. Bland, of Portsmouth, all spoke in favor of an increase of $1,000, explaining that the expense to the State would be small now, growing larger gradually.

Senator Gravatt's bill to provide the teaching of manual and agricultural training and domestic science in the schools was given a hearing. The patron of the bill vigorously pointed out the need of such training, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Eggleston also espoused the cause of such schools, showing that the time has come to extend educational lines in this direction.

Hearing on the Strode bill creating a Virginia State College for Women will be held by the Senate Committee on Public Institutions and Education on Thursday evening, January 27, at 8 o'clock, in the Senate chamber. As the date was published erroneously, all parties interested will take note of the correct time. It is understood that many representatives from the Federation of Women's Clubs will be present to favor the bill.

When President Ellyson declared in the Senate yesterday that E. H. Wells had been elected corporation judge of Manchester Senator Lassiter, of Petersburg, misunderstood the President, and thought he had said "Winchester." So he asked if the chair had not said "Winchester." "No," said the President, smilingly, "we have not annexed Winchester yet, but we may in the future."

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